construction of the canal between the Cherai and Manappilli jetties for the irrigation of the Puthanpadom niloms, and if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to explain the reasons for the delay?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* The work has not been sanctioned as it is not possible to find funds for the same at present.

## MANAPAT CHIRA—INSUFFICIENCY OF WATER SUPPLIED FROM

**235. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon** *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government are aware of the fact that the Mundakan crops in Malayattur were adversely affected in the year 1114 owing to insufficiency of water supplied from the Manapat chira.

(*b*) that the insufficient supply was due to the lowlevel of water in the chira;

(*c*) whether it would not be possible to provide a sufficient supply of water to the fields, if a portable pump is installed in the chira when the water-level becomes low?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes it is due to the failure of north-east monsoon in the year.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes; the benefits derived will be only to a limited extent.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കെ. മാധവമേനോൻ: വെള്ളം കിട്ടാത്ത അവസരത്തിൽ കുറച്ചു ദിവസത്തേക്കെങ്കിലും അവിടത്തെ കൃഷിക്കാർക്ക് വെള്ളം കിട്ടുവാനുള്ള വല്ല മാർഗ്ഗവും ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനു സാധിക്കുമോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയാലെ സാധിക്കുമോ എന്നുള്ളതു പറയാൻ തരമുള്ളൂ.

## ROAD BOARD—RECOMMENDATIONS OF—ACTION TAKEN ON.

**236. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether all the recommendations of the Road Board are carried out so far;

(*b*) if not, what are the items not carried out and the reasons for the delay?

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**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Yes; action has been taken for carrying out all the recommendations of the Road Board.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of the above.

## IRRIGATION BOARD—CONSTITUTION OF

**237. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the members of the newly constituted Irrigation Board and the nature of the work the Board has transacted so far?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* The hon'ble member is referred to notification No. 42, published on page 199, Part I, Government Gazette, dated 3rd Makaram 1114. As for the nature of the work transacted by the Boards, copies of their proceedings are placed on the Council table.

## IRRIGATION BOARD—WORKS PROPOSED, Etc.

**238. Mr. M. K. Devassy** *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of works recommended by the Irrigation Committees for each taluk;

(*b*) the number and names of irrigation works taken up by the Government out of the works recommended by the Irrigation Committee;

(*c*) whether the Government has any scheme for the carrying out of the minor irrigation works in the State;

(*d*) whether the Government will be pleased to prepare an exhaustive list of the minor irrigation works to be taken by the Government; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to take up the irrigation works in the order of importance from the list referred to in clause (*d*)?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon** *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Information available is given in the statement appended *(Appendix II)*.

(*b*) The schemes are being arranged to be examined by the P. W. D.

(*c*) It will be seen from the statement appended that minor works also fall within the scope of the Irrigation Boards.

(*d*) & (*e*) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to clause (*c*).

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